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## THAT LEAGUE AGAIN

News dispatches of yesterday tell us that Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain and Briand of France have decided upon a plan by which Thrace, now held by Greece, is to revert to Turkey.

We must admit that King Constantine, by his hostile attitude toward the allies during his reign at the outbreak of the world war, is no recommendation as to his fitness to govern this territory, but, on the other hand, who is there who will admit that the Sultan's rule is in any manner fitted to administer the government to that particular country? Experience has proven the "unspeakable Turk" to be unfit even to hold his own territory for he uses it as a constant menace to the peace and security of Greece and Armenia, Serbia and Rumania. The horrors he has visited upon these countries, and especially Armenia, have blackened him with every right-thinking Christian on the face of the globe.

The dispatches state that the approval of the allied colleagues of the premier mentioned must be had in order that the decision may become effective, but from the past performance of this body of old-world politicians we all know that when the French and British premier "crack the whip," the others "jump through" with alacrity, so we may rest assured that the decision is as good as carried.

It would be far better to leave this territory in the possession of the lesser of the two evils, namely Greece, than to hand it over to the late deadly enemy of the allies.

We have before us, through this "decision," but another example of the insidious workings of the league of nations, set up as a bulwark of nations for the enforcement of peace on earth, good will toward men, but in reality a tool in the hands of the nations of Europe to line their own pockets, and we can see nothing else in this last stumble than the playing of more underhanded old-world diplomacy.

## ARE WE AFRAID?

Expressing the belief that American statesmen have ability equal to that of the British, Senator Joseph L. France, of Maryland, declared at a hearing before the foreign relations committee of the senate recently that "British statesmen have worked out a plan for the possession of the whole of the Russian trade." Senator France's assertion was in reply to a question as to how it would be possible to work out plans for trade with Russia without dealing with Lenin and Trotsky. The hearing was on the subject of a resumption of trade with Russia, spokesmen for organized workers in many lines of industry supporting the France resolution which would enable American firms to accept gold of the old imperial government which is being offered by the soviet authorities in payment for foreign goods. The workers argue that a resumption of trade will go a long way toward relieving the present industrial depression which has thrown more than 3,000,000 men out of employment.

The questions naturally arise is this government going to stand pat on its refusal to trade with Russia while Great Britain corners that trade? Are we going to "watchfully wait" while John Bull cops the business? Is it not possible that the "tooth" which prompts us to refuse to do business with Russia is highly magnified by British propaganda? It frequently happens that when a business organization discovers a rich source of profits it attempts to secure others from the field by horrendous tales of the risks involved, the lean returns, and the prospects of the profits soon petering out. The professional poker player who finds easy pickings is very noncommittal concerning his winnings. He wants to monopolize the field.

Business is a gamble nine times out of 10, but it is a legitimate gamble. For Americans to refrain from commercial intercourse with Russia because they are scared out by old wives' tales, and the fear that the soviet will communize the United States, is to acknowledge a conservatism which amounts to cowardice, and which, had it existed in the days of the wild west, would never have resulted in the wonderful progress which has been recorded in

that territory. The hostile Indians of a half century ago are many of them the oilwell aristocrats of today. The white scalp has been discarded for the stock certificate. Sitting Bull and Geronimo have gone to the happy hunting ground and their sons and daughters sport top hats and brocade. If the baleful influences of Lenin and Trotsky deprive the Russian peasant of the fruits of his labor the quickest way to put those two worthies on the run is to open up trade communications with the Russian people and permit them to become acquainted with the outside world through commerce and thereby to line their pockets with sound money. With that they will be inspired with a desire for a home and some land, and it seems Lenin and Trotsky persist in their attempts to balk that ambition, the Russian people will deal with them as they deserve. The sanest method to convert a communist is to put him in the way of acquiring property which will be distinctly his own. "You give me prosperity in America and there is no danger of extreme radicalism," declares Senator Colt, chairman of the immigration commission. And human nature is the same the world over.

Prior to the war our trade with Russia, going and coming, averaged \$50,000,000 annually. It would reach many times that figure if unimpeded today. She is the one country from which we have least to fear by way of competition, for the bulk of her products will consist for years to come of raw materials which we could work up in our mills, while her crying need is for manufactured goods. This fear of what will occur if we open up trade relations with that great territory is the veriest bunk, and plays directly into the hands of the British traders. We have come to a pretty pass if our foreign trade policies are to be dictated by fear.

## WORK FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PLAN

(By Associated Press)

TOYO, Feb. 22.—The problem of Japanese women seeking higher education is not to demand that the doors of the imperial university be opened to them but to improve and raise the standards of their present schools so that they will be prepared for entrance to the university, in the opinion of Mrs. Lillian Francis Fitch, representing the bureau of education of the department of the interior of the United States, who has spent the past four months in the Japanese empire on an official investigation for the American government.

"At present," says Mrs. Fitch, "the schools for girls here are in many respects excellent, but they do not go high enough in their work. The girl who is graduated from them is not equipped to enter the imperial university, but should have further training."

Mrs. Fitch, who came to Japan last September as the first stage of a tour around the world for the bureau at Washington, has made an extensive study and investigation of women's schools in the empire. She has conferred with Marquis Okuma and other leaders of Japanese life and thought and has addressed many of the girl students of the nation.

The movement for the admission of women to the higher schools is rapidly gaining momentum, the American educator thinks.

## DURFEE IS OLDEST DISTRICT JUDGE

(By Associated Press)

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 22.—Judge Edgar J. Durfee, of Detroit, since 1875 probate judge of Wayne county, claims the distinction of being the oldest judicial official in the United States, in point of service. He has served as probate judge continuously for more than 46 years.

Judge Durfee makes his claim to being the oldest judge following correspondence with court officials in practically every state. During his first year in office the judge handled 234 cases. Last year he handled 575.

Highly danced at Airdome Tuesday night, Washington's birthday. 793-21

## MANY CHINESE USED ON ROAD

(By Associated Press)

PEKING, Feb. 22.—The engineering department of the American Red Cross famine relief organization reports that up to the end of December 3700 Chinese had been employed in railroad construction. The men are in charge of division engineers—sergeants from the Peking guard, who have as assistants privates from the guard.

The line under construction extends from Tehchow to Lanhsing on the Chihli-Shantung border.

In one district a census of families showed that before relief arrived all girls between nine and 14 years of age in two villages had been sold.

A shipment of foodstuffs brought by the United States transport Meritt was moved from Chinwangtao to Tehchow with little delay.

## U. S. CIGARETTES BURNED IN PARIS

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Feb. 22.—American cigarette smoke obscured the northern horizon of Paris for 48 hours this week when 59,000 pounds of cigarettes originally brought here for the United States army were burned.

Relays of 18 policemen were needed to keep off raiders who had, as dent desires to burn the cigarettes one at a time, in the usual manner. It was an American Red Cross sacrificial fire lighted under compulsion.

There were 632 metal-lined cases of cigarettes burned. They were condemned by French authorities and destroyed according to law. They were part of two lots, rain-soaked in shipment through faulty metal lining in the cases. Many cases, not badly damaged, were salvaged when the French authorities could be convinced that a moist cigarette would be more welcome than none at all to some smokers.

Don't forget the Eagles give their big dance at the Airdome Tuesday night, February 22. 793-21

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## IMPRESSIVE BURIAL FOR MEXICAN WOMAN

(By Associated Press)

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 22.—Impressive honors were paid recently by the government at the funeral of Maria Guadalupe Hidalgo, grand daughter of Miguel Hidalgo, known as the "Father of the Mexican Republic." She died at the age of 55 and is said to be the last descendant of Father Hidalgo, who, on the morning of September 16, 1810 proclaimed Mexican independence from Spanish rule and started the revolution that eventually broke Spanish domination on the continent.

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